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[REDACTED] the Linz-Urfahr Communist party paper Neue Zeit [REDACTED] Schueller, chief editor of this publication, is assigned missions of special importance and is one of the most influential men in the Communist Party of Austria. He has excellent connections with the Cominform and is either himself the chief of the Austrian Section in the Cominform or at least is in close contact with the actual leader. Schueller for this reason had frequent difficulties with the Vienna Central Committee but did not care about these differences.

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[REDACTED] the Neue Zeit thus the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Austria, who blame the lack of street demonstrations on him. He repeatedly reported the inefficiency of Haider, the provincial leader, to the Central Committee, but was invariably told that Haider would absolutely not be removed. The outcome of the elections had already brought opposition from the Central Committee which he succeeded in overcoming. Again attacked and charged with the lack of street demonstrations, he is now going to prepare an elaborate report which he intends to forward to his friends in Moscow. In it he will describe the special conditions in Upper Austria and Salzburg. In view of the reproach that he failed to fire his comrades with the revolutionary ideology of Lenin and Stalin, he will also give a detailed account of the psychological leadership qualities of the Upper Austrian leadership.

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The impression was created that Schueller was less optimistic about his own position than he was in mid-November 1949.

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[REDACTED] Comment:

Some months ago Schueller was reported to be a member of the Council of Six, the actual Cominform command agency for Austria. No confirmation has yet been available. However, Schueller's political career and the fact that he was an instructor at the Lenin Institute in Moscow make this information appear possible.

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